

Washington - Today, Congressman John Olver (1st District) announced that the House Appropriations Committee has approved funding for the West Springfield Rail Yard. Olver serves on the Transportation Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, and he said, "This funding is an important step toward revitalizing the West Springfield Railyard," Citing the approval by the Appropriations Committee as a preliminary step toward final passage of the Transportation bill, Olver said, "This investment will allow us to examine traffic congestion in the area surrounding the yard." Olver helped to secure \$19.6 million in transportation earmarks for the First Congressional District. "This is an excellent start for the Transportation bill," Olver said. "As the appropriation bill moves forward, we will continue to work on securing funding for the yard." For more information on these transportation projects, contact Tim Brennan at the Picard Center for Transportation Policy.

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